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Public Health.

Improvement of water-supply to Coonoor.

* 293 Q.—Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) when the final orders regarding the improvement of water-supply to Coonoor was passed and under what conditions the Government sanctioned the scheme;

(b) when the work was commenced and when the work is expected to be finished;

(c) what progress has been made in the work every month since the work was commenced; and

(d) whether the municipal council offered to have the work done under its own management and if so why that offer was not accepted?

A.—(a) The order was issued in June 1924. A copy of the order^a is laid on the table. The existing water-supply to the town was reported to be unsatisfactory.

(b) The work was begun on the 3rd March 1925 and is expected to be completed by the 31st August 1925.

(c) The Government have no information.

(d) The municipal council did not offer to carry out the work through its own agency.

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—“May I know if the municipal council suggested that they would be able to do the work if it was entrusted to them?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“There is no formal offer from the municipal council.”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—“Was the municipal council ever consulted?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“It is not the duty of the Government to do so.”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—“Would it not be more desirable to do so in the interests of the rate-payers?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“If the request comes from the municipal council itself, Government will consider it on its merits.”

Mr. C. V. VENKATARAMANA AYYANGAR:—“Is there any other case of such a municipal council?”

The hon. the RAJA OF PANAGAL:—“The question does not arise.”

Religious and Charitable Endowments.

Honorary Assistant Commissioners under the Religious Endowments Act.

* 294 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the number of honorary assistant commissioners appointed under the Madras Hindu Religious Endowments Act (I of 1925), their names and the districts for which they have been appointed;

^a Printed as Appendix III on pages 543-544 infra.